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Dear Judge Renata B. Hesse,

I am an employee in the technology industry who resides in Washington State. I strongly encourage breaking up Microsoft. The business practices Microsoft uses continuously stifle progress in this industry and promote a culture of homogenous second-rate technology.

It is a well know fact that the products Microsoft produces are not the best around yet everyone must conform to their technology due to the monopoly they hold on the industry.

I wish my State had the integrity to join the other states suing yet understand that the money Microsoft brings into this state is addictive.

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